IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.9847 OF 2004

Mr. Chiman A. Rupani ..Petitioner.

Vs.

State of Maharashtra & Ors. ..Respondents.

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Mr. P.D. Prasad Rao for the petitioner.
Mr. P.M. Patil, AGP for the State.

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CORAM : DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J.&
DR.D.Y.CHANDRACHUD, J.

9th December, 2004.

P.C. :

1. The petitioner is aggrieved by the order passed by the Caste Certificate Verification Committee, Konkan Division, Mumbai dated 21st May, 2004. After considering and discussing the entire matter, the Committee came to a categoric finding that the petitioner has not submitted any documents of school or government department of his father, grandfather, uncle, aunt or any other relatives from his father's side for proof of his caste except his own documents. The petitioner is carrying on goldsmith business which his forefathers were doing. The Committee came

to the conclusion that the business does not mean the caste of that person. The committee in its order also mentioned that the petitioner was not able to forward any record of any relatives from the father's side proving his caste towards the samiti and so only doing business of goldsmith on that basis the caste mentioned by the petitioner "Sonar" cannot be considered as his caste and also the Committee has not considered the documents forwarded by the petitioner for proof of his caste.

2. In view of the above findings, we do not feel it appropriate to interfere in our extra ordinary jurisdiction in a case of this nature. The petition, being devoid of any merit, is accordingly dismissed.

CHIEF JUSTICE

DR.D.Y.CHANDRACHUD,

J.